

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: <i>Device for Attenuating Sound</i>)	
<i>on the Human Ear</i>)	Peoria, Illinois 61602-1241
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Madam or Sir:

The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached.

Also attached is a copy of the German International Search Report from the PCT patent application and an English language version thereof to explain the relevance of the citations therein as per MPEP 609A(3). In reviewing the search report, it should be noted that the U.S. claim numbering is different from the corresponding German application, generally as follows:

U.S. Claim

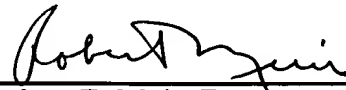
Corresponding German
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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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	DEVICE FOR ATTENUATING SOUND ON THE HUMAN EAR	
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	LAST NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,587,965	13 May 1986	de Boer et al.			
		5,333,622	2 Aug. 1994	Casali et al.			
		5,894,455	13 Apr. 1999	Sikes			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
		299 02 617	20 May 1999	Germany				X
		0 590 698	6 Apr. 1994	Europe				
		0 440 572	7 Aug. 1991	Europe				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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